

ABSTRACT

The purpose of Arizona's Cooperative Agreement to Benefit Homeless Individuals (CABHI) Grant project is to improve outcomes for the most vulnerable individuals with substance use or co-occurring substance abuse and mental health disorders who experience chronic homelessness. The project will provide supportive housing and a comprehensive array of evidence based wrap around services to 105 people in rural Yavapai and Coconino counties in northern Arizona. In addition, the project will improve statewide infrastructure and capacity.

The Arizona Department of Health Services/ Division of Behavioral Health Services (ADHS/DBHS) is partnering with Northern Arizona Regional Behavioral Health Authority (NARBHA) and the Arizona Department of Housing (ADOH) to implement the CABHI Grant Program. NARBHA will provide accessible, effective, comprehensive, coordinated/integrated, strength-based, person-centered, family friendly, culturally sensitive, and clinically sound and supervised behavioral health services through local behavioral health providers based on the location and choice of the individuals. ADOH will provide support for program participants to receive rapid housing while participants transition to permanent supported housing.

The program has two goals: 1) Decrease mortality among people who are chronically homeless and who have a substance use or co-occurring substance abuse and mental health disorder in Yavapai and Coconino Counties. 2) Establish a state-wide comprehensive; integrated System of Care based on a set of principles and guidelines that will support a successful transition to permanent housing for people who are chronically homeless and who have a substance use disorder.

Two peer navigators will work closely with all 105 program participants to help them identify and access housing, recovery support services, social mainstream benefits, and personal network development, and also to enroll them in third party networks and mainstream benefits. The peer navigators will work with the existing outreach programs to identify, engage and enroll persons with multiple chronic conditions. One of the peer navigators will specialize in veteran subpopulations.